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## **KDOL Honors Jeana Payne for Distinguished Accomplishments**

**TOPEKA, Kan. -** The Kansas Department of Labor (KDOL) is proud to announce the winner of its November Employee Recognition and Award Program, Jeana Payne, Administrative Assistant in the Industrial Safety and Health (ISH) Division, who was honored for Distinguished Accomplishments. The KDOL Award Program is designed to recognize individual efforts that epitomize excellence. The success as an agency depends on each and every employee providing premier service, working in a team environment, producing results with cost control in mind, creativity and innovation, while serving their community. KDOL rewards employees who embrace these ideals as their own, taking them to the highest personal level possible in job performance.

Payne is being honored for her efforts in managing KDOL's implementation of new state law and regulations for the inspection, documentation and retention of all pertinent documents for amusement rides in Kansas. From July until recently, Jeana was the main contact for the Amusement Ride Act Permit Program, in addition to her other duties. ISH has since added an Amusement Ride Inspector and another Administrative Assistant, but Jeana is now training these employees on how to properly file the necessary reports and how to communicate with those affected by the changes in the law. She has done this without complaint and by doing so has demonstrated what it takes to be a KDOL employee that goes above and beyond.

Payne's work for KDOL's ISH Division is a notable achievement that is significant in scope, impacts government operations and is a service to citizens. It is appropriate that she be recognized for her hard work, perseverance and dedication.

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